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1. IN COURSE OF OCTOBER 5 CONVERSATION WITH MFA NATO OFFICE DIRECTOR (DARIN), HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER HAD BEEN IN TO SEE HIM THAT MORNING IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE ITALIANS TO ACCEPT FRENCH DRAFT NATO DECLARATION EN TOTO. (DARIN CONJECTURED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY ONE OF MANY ARM-TWISTING EXERCISES THE FRENCH WOULD BE ENGAGED IN IN NATO CAPITALS.)

2. DARIN INDICATED THAT ITALIAN PLEASURE WITH "FORTHCOMINGNESS" OF DRAFT HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO FRENCH, BUT THAT ITALIANS COULD NOT IGNORE OMISSION OF SEVERAL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT POINTS, I.E. BURDEN-SHARING, MBFR AND ARTICLE 2 OF THE NATO TREATY. HE WENT ON
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TO STATE THAT ITALY, ALONG WITH OTHER ALLIES, WAS WAITING

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ANXIOUSLY FOR U.S. INPUT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ITALIANS DID NOT
WISH TO SEE A REPEAT OF THE EC DECLARATION EFFORT DURING WHICH
U.S. INTERESTS WERE NOT FULLY CONSIDERED. IN ANY EVENT, HE
SAID THE ITALIANS WOULD NOT ADOPT THE FRENCH DRAFT AS IS, BUT
"PICK AND CHOOSE" FROM OTHER DRAFTS THAT HAVE BEEN TABLED AS WELL.

3. BEFORE MOVING ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS, DARIN ALLUDED TO AN
INFORMAL U.S. PAPER OF AUGUST CONCERNING THE NATO DECLARATION,
BUT SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IT NOW WAS NOT TO BE
CONSIDERED AS REPRESENTATIVE OF US VIEWS. BEAUDRY

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